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1. I discussed with Mr. Reynolds his memorandum to the DD/S of 16 August, Subject: Applications For Employment Through Legislative Liaison. Mr. Reynolds stated that all Congressional correspondence on personnel matters should be routed through his office prior to leaving the Agency in case he or someone in Personnel knew something about the subject of any particular Congressional letter which would indicate that we would not wish to hire a particular individual. I pointed out that all this office did was to acknowledge the Congressional letters or to send personnel application forms where requested, and that in such cases as that of [] we referred the individuals after a short talk to the Personnel Office for interview. I pointed out that Mr. Reynolds' memorandum was in error in that I had never written to [] but had merely prepared a reply for the DCI to Senator Butler stating that if [] were to contact this office I would arrange for interviews. When [] came in he was taken to the Personnel Office which has conducted all subsequent correspondence with him. Similarly, in the [] I pointed out to Mr. Reynolds that we had merely written to Sen. Wiley acknowledging receipt of his letter, that [] papers have been referred to the Personnel Office, and that when we had an answer we would so inform the Senator. Mr. Reynolds was adamant on the point that these proceedings were not in conformity with his desires in running the Personnel Office and that he would not cease in his efforts to have the procedure changed. He stated that the present procedure might well result in a serious mistake or embarrassment. I pointed out that this had not been the case in almost 10 years.